

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3-5 and 7-10 are now pending in the present application. Claims 11-22 have been cancelled herewith. Entry of this amendment after final is requested as placing this case in condition for allowance or better form for appeal.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 20-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed towards non-statutory subject matter. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants have cancelled such claims herewith, without prejudice or disclaimer, such that this case can expeditiously pass to issuance.

Therefore, the rejection of Claims 20-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 has been overcome.

II. 35 U.S.C. § 103, Obviousness

Claims 11-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 5,590,335 of Dubourreau et al. referred hereinafter “Dubourreau” in view of Applicant’s Admitted Prior Art. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants have cancelled such claims herewith, without prejudice or disclaimer, such that this case can expeditiously pass to issuance. Applicants are not conceding in this application that these Claims 11-22, prior to their being cancelled herewith, are not patentable over the cited art provided by the Examiner (or that Applicants admitted to any type of prior art), as the present claim cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter noted by the Examiner in the Office Action dated March 19, 2007. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuation and/or divisional patent applications.

Therefore, the rejection of Claims 11-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 has been overcome.

III. Conclusion

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over the cited references and is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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